

SUBJECTS.**54. Amendment of the
Towns Conservancy
and Improvement
Regulation.**

Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Iyer also urged the desirability of amending the law in regard to the conservancy and improvement of towns. He went into the history of legislation on the subject, and suggested that the existing Regulation might be amended so as to provide for the following :—(1) appointment of a full-time President, (2) previous sanction of the Town Improvement Committee being obtained for the construction or re-construction of buildings within the town, (3) prohibition of the burning or burial of dead bodies in private compounds within the town, (4) protection to municipal servants in the discharge of their duties, (5) investing the municipal officers and servants with the powers conferred on police officers under section 122, in regard to the arrest of persons committing offences against the provisions of the Regulation, and (6) the compulsory registration of births and deaths. He spoke at length on each of these amendments and added that several other amendments were also necessary and said he would lay them before Government when the Regulation was taken up for consideration. He also referred to the financial aspect of municipal administration dwelt upon in the Dewan's address and said that, in any arrangement Government might make, they might be pleased to so adjust the resources that only those who could very well afford to pay might be called upon to undertake a burden and that Government might continue its liberal financial help.

Dewan's reply.—If the member will kindly note down all his suggestions and send it up, Government will consider them when they take in hand the amending of the Regulation or the re-enacting of it. I am thankful to the member for having dealt with the question so carefully.

**55. Establishment of a
hospital for incur-
ables in each Divi-
sion.**

Mr. E. J. Cherian Kunju (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Alleppey) requested that a hospital be established for incurables in each Division at convenient central head-quarters, and that till Government found themselves in a position to establish such hospitals in all the Divisions, the Magistrates in towns might be empowered to send such incurables as roamed about the towns to the Tykaud hospital, after being duly certified to by the medical officer as to the chronic nature of the disease. The member said that there were not less than 3,000 beggars in Alleppey town and not less than five per cent. of the population suffered from loathsome diseases. There was an asylum at Alleppey 18 years ago and he said that it should be revived. If that was not immediately possible,